

Comparison Between Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Engine Fuel Consumption

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Outline

- PSAT Modeling Assumptions
 - Vehicle
 - Fuel Cell System
 - Hydrogen Engine
- Component Sizing
- Simulation Results



Vehicle Assumptions

- Midsize car platform
- Both non-hybrid and hybrid configurations considered
- All vehicles achieve similar performances (0-60mph, grade)
- All vehicles have same amount of onboard H₂ (5kg)
- Component uncertainties taken into account
- UDDS and HWFET drive cycles considered
- Ratios based on fuel economy gasoline equivalent using 2008 EPA corrections

Parameter	Unit	Midsize Car
Glider Mass	kg	990
Frontal Area	m ²	2.1
Drag Coefficient		0.29
Wheel Radius	m	0.317
Rolling Resistance		0.008

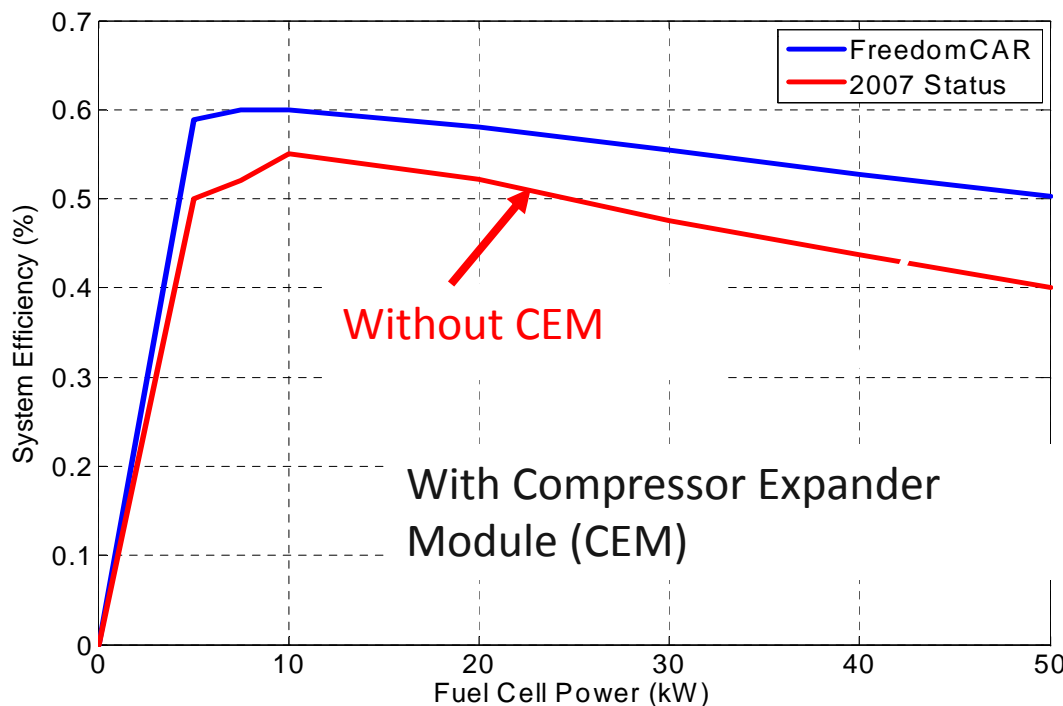
Parameter	Unit	Value
0-60mph	s	9 +/- 0.1
0-30mph	s	3
Grade at 60 mph	%	6
Maximum Speed	mph	> 100 ⁽¹⁾

(1) Two gear transmission used for series



Fuel Cell System Assumptions

Parameter	Unit	Current Status	FreedomCAR Goal
Specific Power	W/kg	500	650
Peak Efficiency	%	55	60

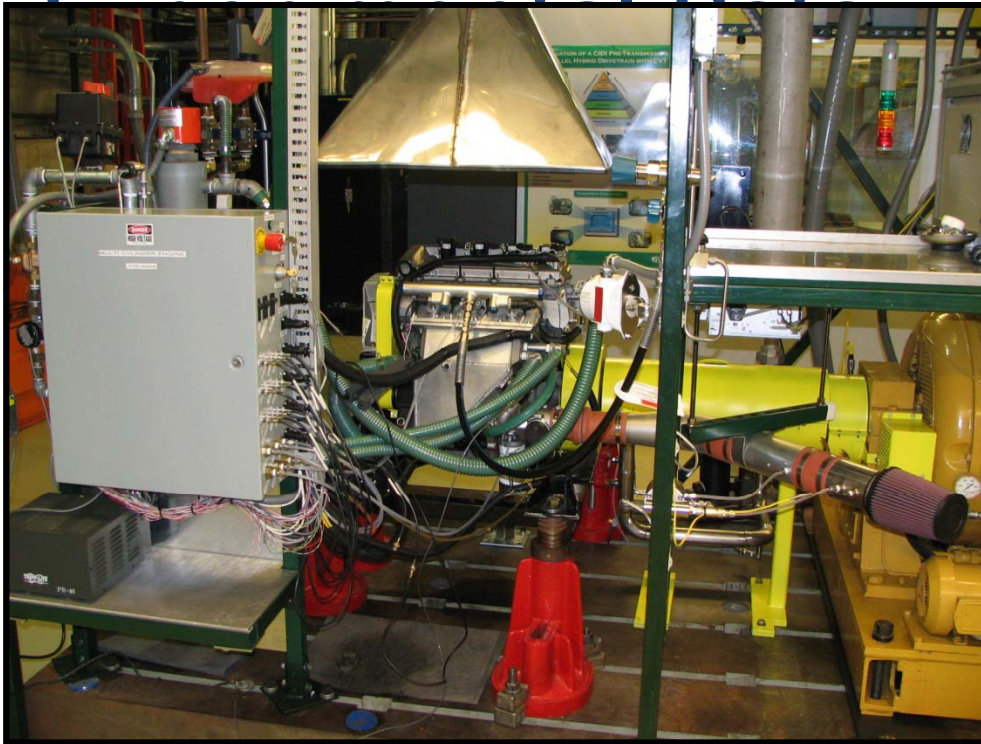


Model Limitation:

The efficiency curves used are steady-state, underestimating the parasitic load, which is much higher in real-world driving because of transient and non optimum control



Hydrogen Engine Characteristics for Current Technology Generated from

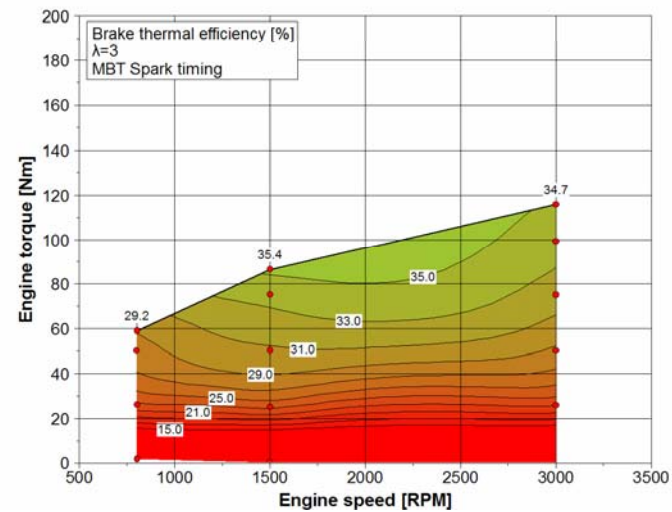
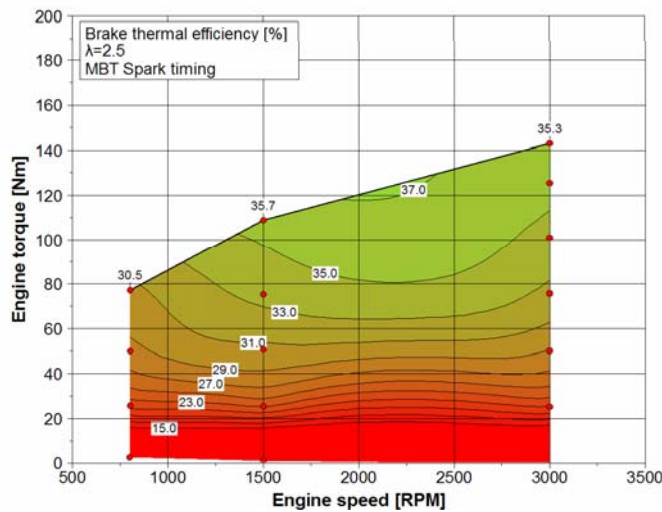
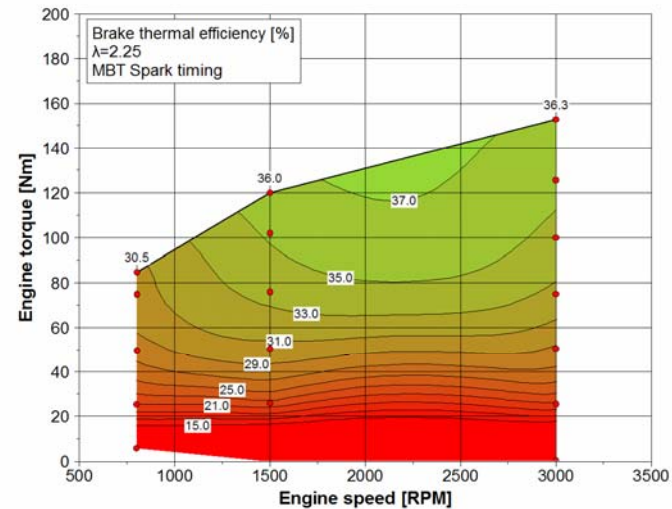
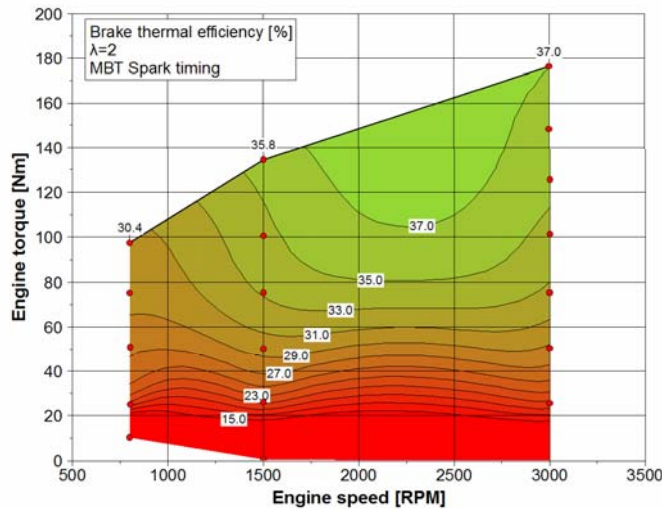


4-cylinder hydrogen engine setup

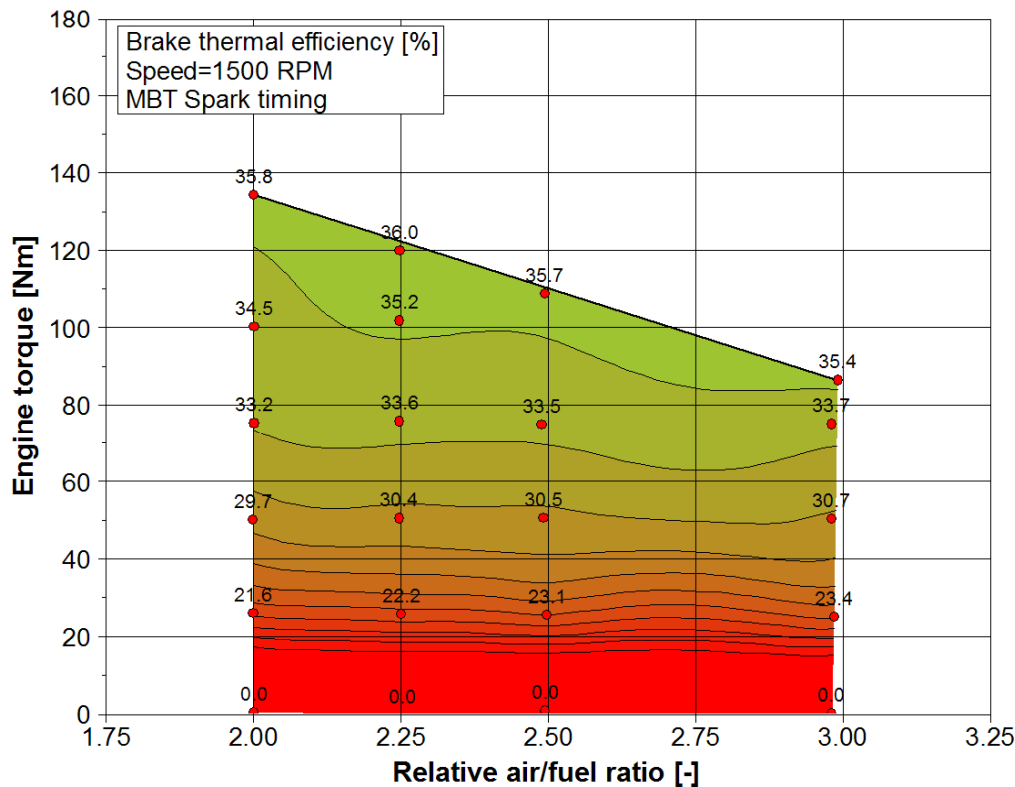
- Manufacturer Ford Motor Co.
- Model 2.3L Duratec
- Cylinders 4
- Bore 87.5 mm
- Stroke 94 mm
- Compression ratio 12
- Valve train 4V DOHC
- Speed range 6000 RPM
- Modifications
 - Supercharger and intercooler
 - Hydrogen port fuel injection
 - After-market ECU



Port Injected Maps Generated for Different Air/Fuel Ratios



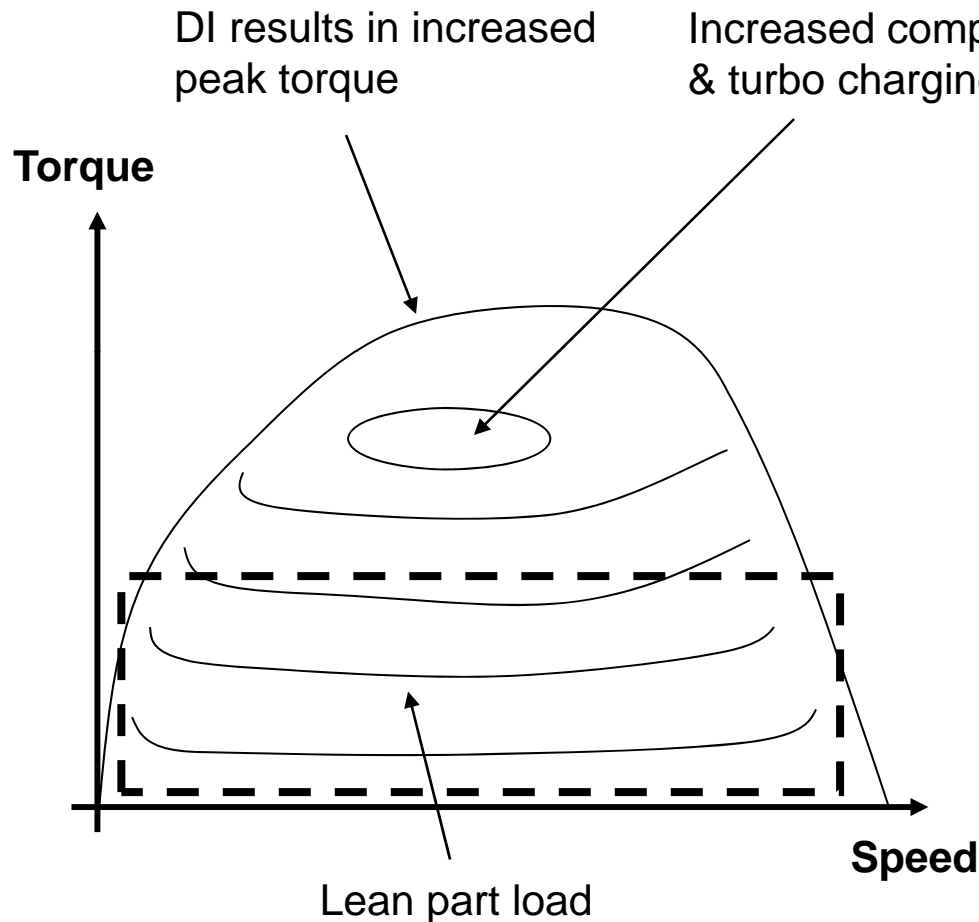
Final Port Injected Map Generated To Maximize Brake Thermal Efficiency



- Brake thermal efficiency increases with increased air/fuel ratio
- Maximum torque decreases with increased air/fuel ratio
- Due to lean operation peak efficiency is achieved at full load



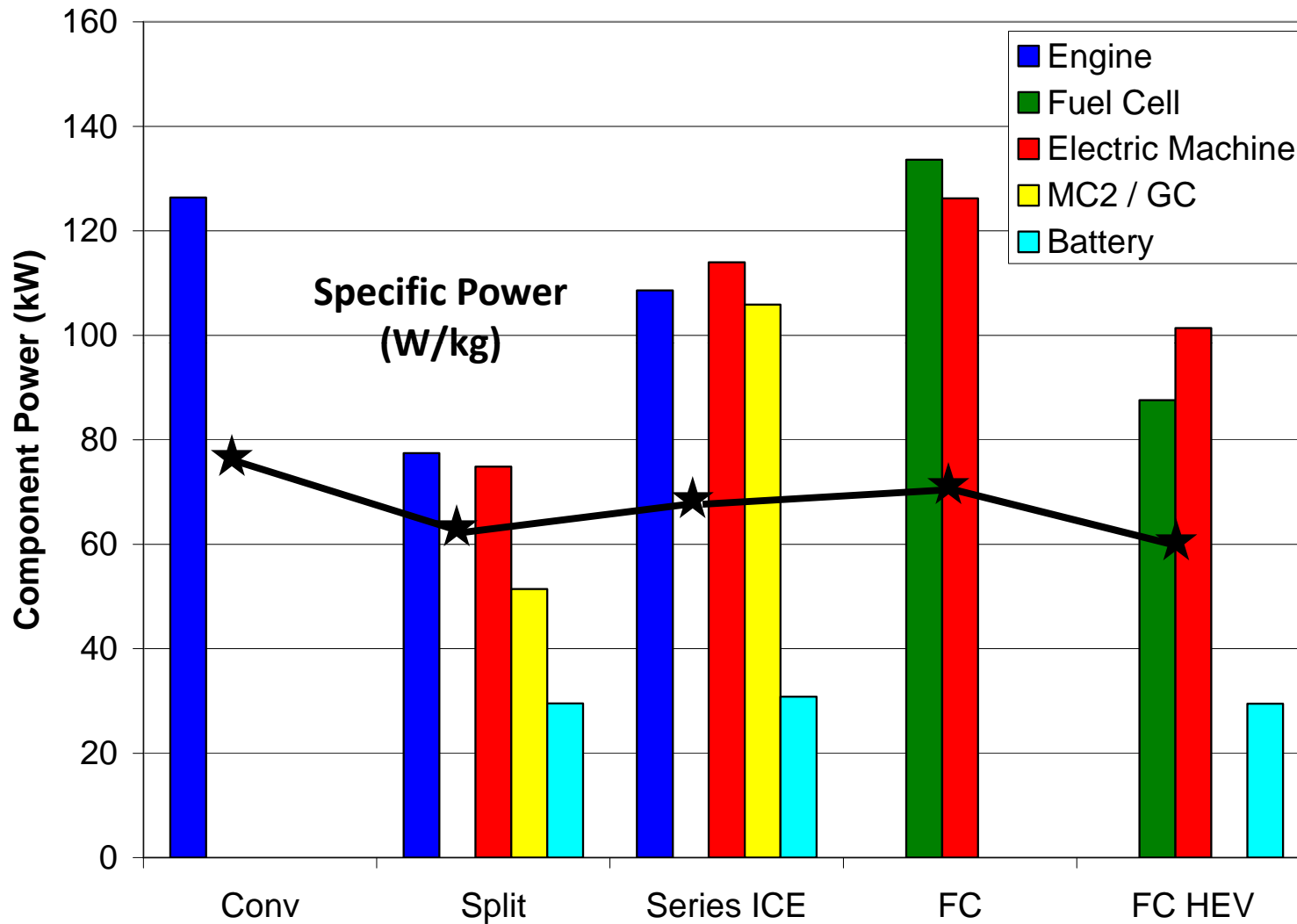
Direct Injection Hydrogen Engine Operation Estimated from Single Cylinder Test Data



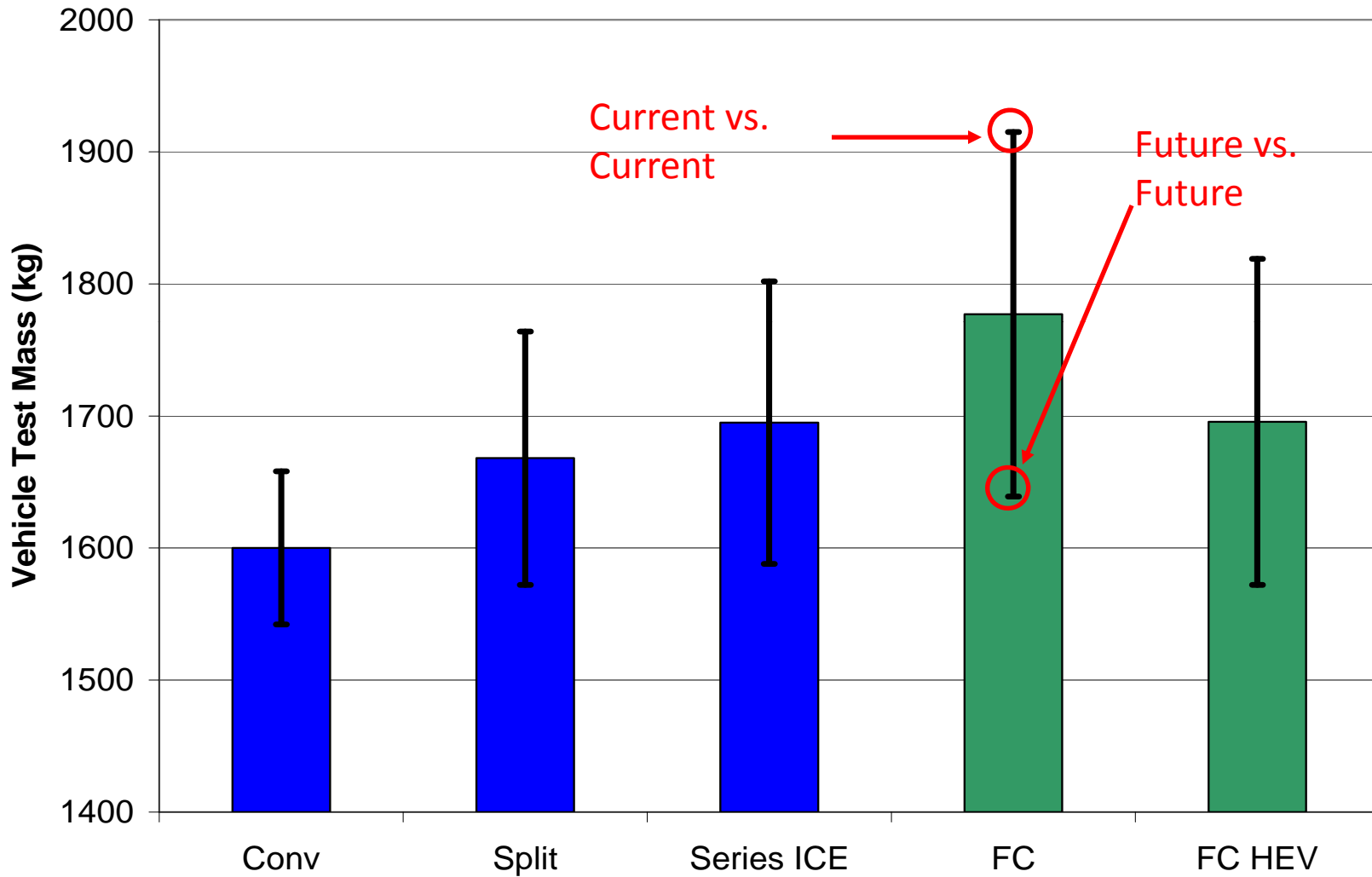
- Hydrogen Direct Injection will increase the peak torque curve
- Increased compression ratio will result in an increase in engine efficiency
- Turbo-charging will increase the engine efficiency compared to supercharging
- Lean part load operation will result in a further part load efficiency increase compared to throttled operation



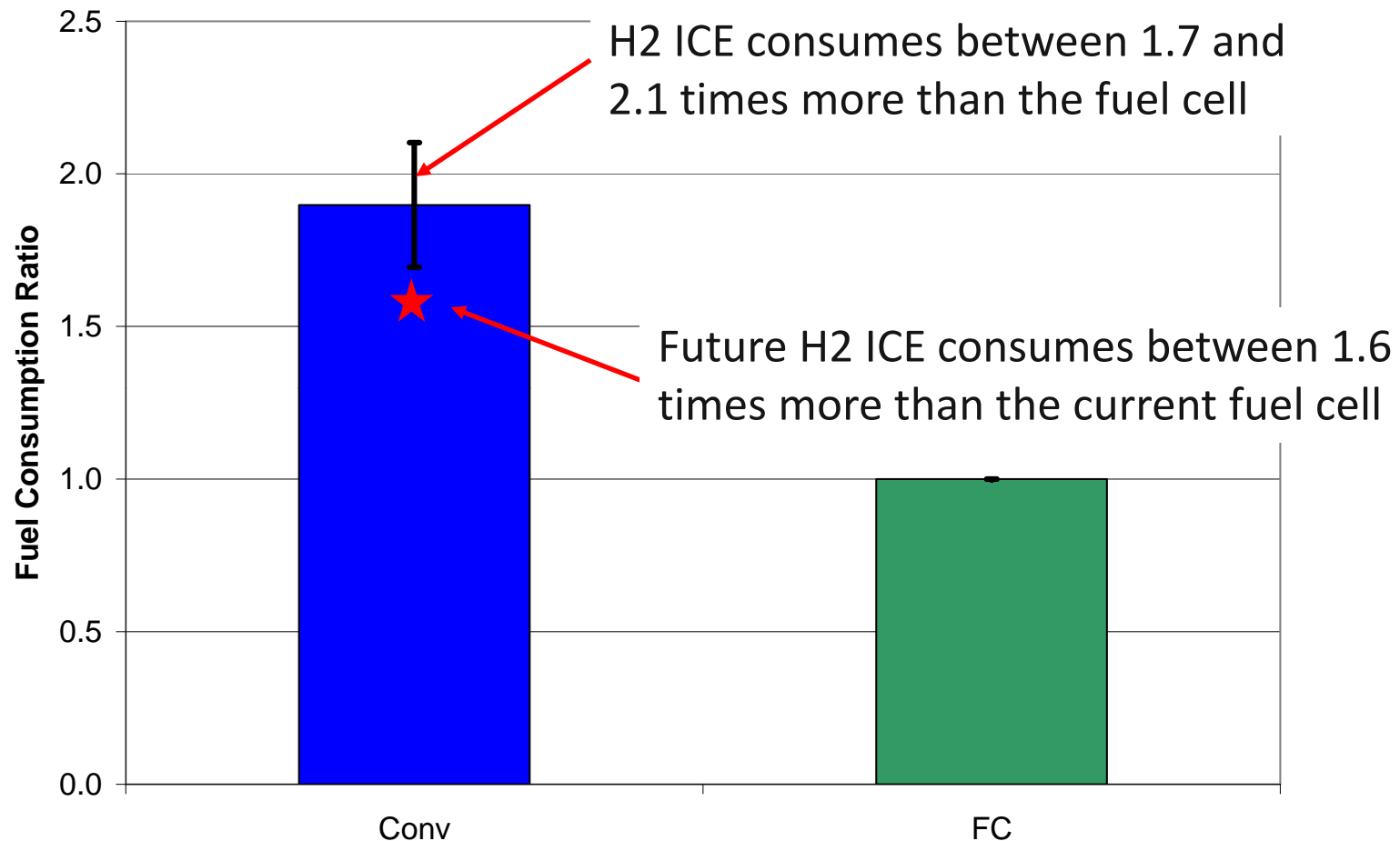
Component Average Power



Vehicle Mass



Non-Hybrid Configurations Comparison



Current vs. current

-> H2 ICE will consume 1.7 more than fuel cell

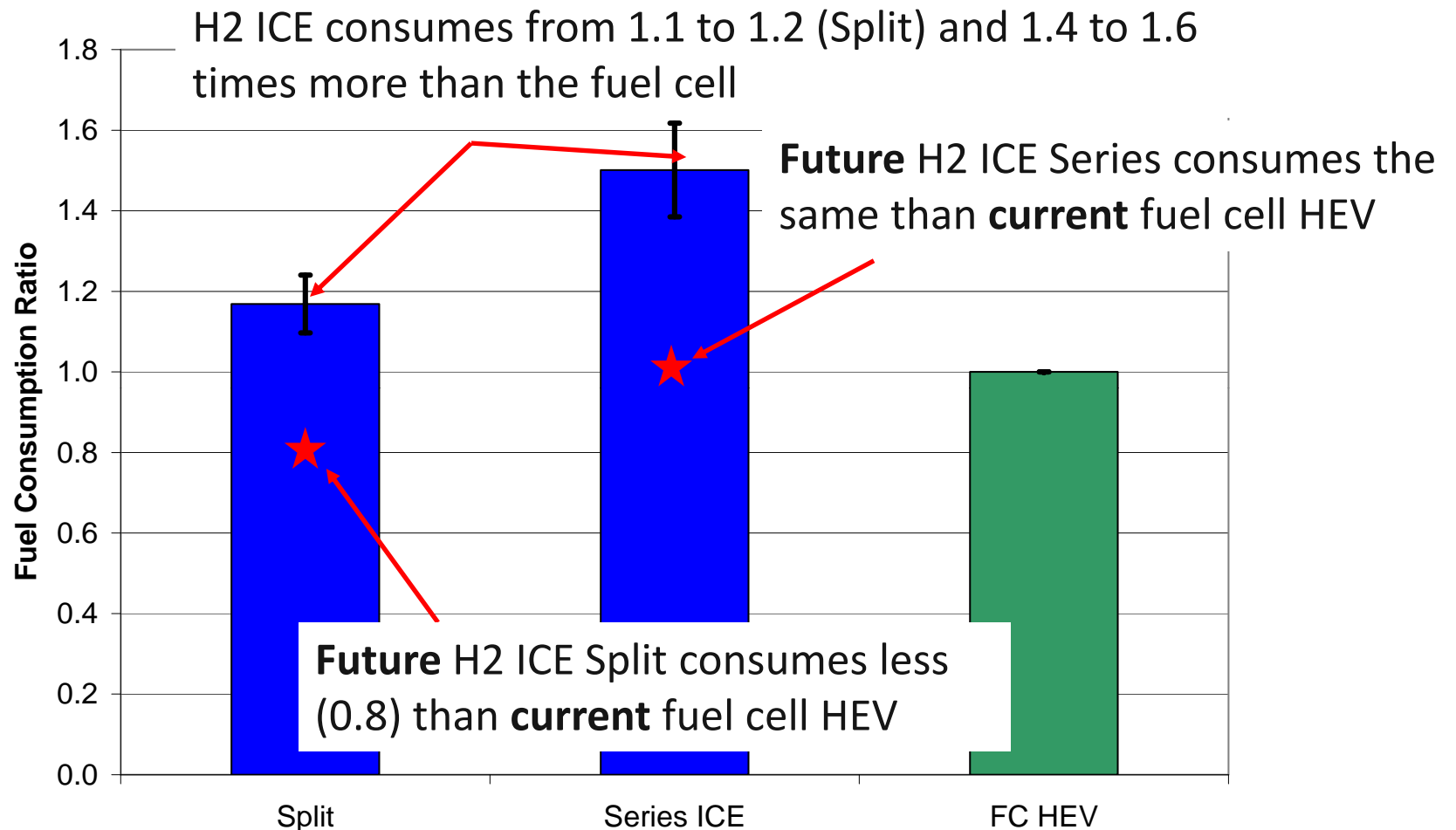
Future vs. future

-> H2 ICE will consume 2.1 more than fuel cell

Current fuel cell vs. future ICE -> H2 ICE will consume 1.57 more than fuel cell



Hybrid Configurations Comparison



Current vs. current

-> H2 ICE Split will consume 1.24 more than fuel cell

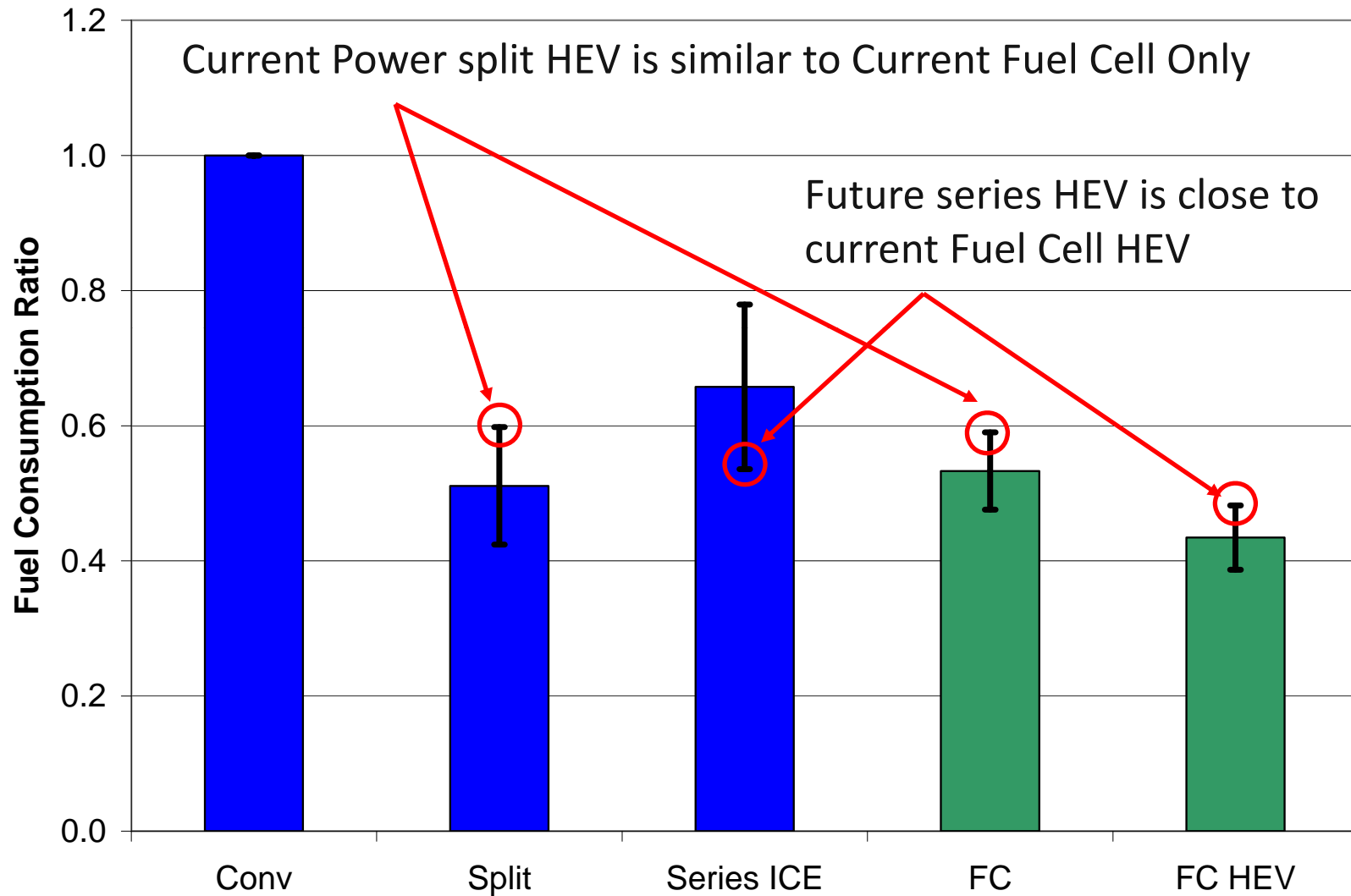
Future vs. future

-> H2 ICE Split will consume 1.1 more than fuel cell

Current fuel cell vs. future ICE -> H2 ICE Split will consume **0.8 less** than fuel cell



All Configurations Comparison



Fuel Economy Results Analysis

- All HEVs configuration capture similar amount of energy at the wheel during deceleration (~98% on UDDS). However, the series configurations have more losses due to lower electric machine efficiencies than the power split.
- Both HEV configurations using ICE have similar average efficiencies (~31% for port injected and ~41.5% for direct injection on UDDS).
- The fuel cell system average efficiency remains higher (~47% for current case and ~51% for future case on UDDS).
- In addition, the series configuration with H₂-ICE is penalized by the driveline inefficiencies (both generator ~90% and electric machine ~81%)



Conclusion

- The DI H₂-ICE has been defined based on a combination of four-cylinder and single cylinder data generated for different A/F ratios.
- H₂-ICE powertrain should be hybridized to be competitive with fuel cell systems vehicle fuel consumption.
- Power split configuration offers the best fuel consumption when using H₂-ICE due to added inefficiencies in the series configuration.
- If one considers that the current fuel cell system efficiencies will remain constant in the future (most research is focused on cost and durability), DI H₂-ICE could provide an interesting option (up to 20% reduction in fuel consumption).
- If one considers both future technologies within an HEV, a 10 to 40% increase in fuel consumption is noticed when using H₂-ICE.